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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHEN, Y.K.

Examiner

Nathaniel C. Chukwurah

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because line 11 contains “&” which is improper. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1, line 14 ends in a period.

Claim 2, line 15 ends in a period.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claims 1 and 2, the phrase “said retaining ring is engaged said retaining portions of said top seat” is unclear and awkward in lines 17-18 (claim 1) and lines 19-20 (claim 2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jen (US 6,318,618).

With regard to claim 1, Jen discloses a stapling gun (10) comprising: a magazine (see fig. 4), a top seat (20 base plate) provided with a staple sliding slot (200), and provided with at least two retaining portions (21 hooking lugs), a top cover (30) mounted on the top seat (20), and provided with a support portion (see support adjacent pivot ears 35), a fastening latch (40) comprising a moving member (41) and a retaining ring (42), and pivoted with top cover (30).

With regard to claim 5, Jen shows the retaining portions of the top seat having a hook portion (21) wherein the fastening latch (40) is pivotally fastened with top cover (30) at the hooking lugs (21).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liang (6,325,268) in view of Jen.

With regard to claim 1, Liang discloses a stapling gun (see fig.1) comprising: a magazine, a top seat (21), provided with a staple sliding slot (see fig. 2), a top cover (23) mounted on the top seat (21), a fastening latch (24) pivoted with the top cover (23), at least two retaining portions (22, 230), a moving member (24) and retaining ring (25).

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Liang lacks support portion. Jen teaches a support portion (see support adjacent pivot ears 35). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fastening latch of Liang with a support portion in order to prevent a further downward movement.

With regard to claim 2, Liang further shows two fastening portions as shown in Figure 2 on distal ends of top cover (23) and top seat (21) respectively.

With regard to claim 5, Liang shows top seat retaining hooked portion (221) and slot (220) for holding the fastening latch (24).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-4 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Refer to attachment for notice of references cited and recommended for consideration based on their disclosure of limitations of the claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathaniel C. Chukwurah whose telephone number is (571) 272-4457. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:00AM-2:30PM.

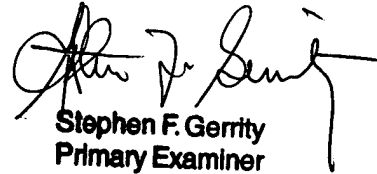
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi Rada can be reached on (571) 272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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